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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF BERGSTEN'S STATEMENT ON STEEL

REF: TOKYO 09047

1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOJ THAT PARTS OF BERGSTEN'S STATE-
MENT ON STEEL (SEE REF TOKYO 09047) WERE MISQUOTED OR TAKEN
OUT OF CONTEXT BY PRESS, WHICH WAS BRIEFED BY
JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN AND DID NOT REPEAT NOT HEAR BERGSTEN'S
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REMARKS. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS FOR
CLARIFICATION:

2. BERGSTEN DID NOT REPEAT NOT CALL FOR A VRA IN
STEEL WITH JAPAN. TO THE CONTRARY, HE STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION IS AGAINST TRADE DISTORTING DEVICES SUCH
AS VRAS. THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO AVOID ENACTMENT

OF TRADE DISTORTING MEASURES BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND
UNWIND THOSE WHICH NOW EXIST. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT
THINKING OF SEEKING NEW DISTORTING MEASURES.

3. BERGSTEN STATED THAT THE EC-JAPAN VRA INCREASED THE
RISK OF DEFLECTION OF JAPANESE STEEL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED
STATES. HE NOTED THAT JAPANESE STEEL EXPORTS TO THE
UNITED STATES INCREASED AFTER THE EC-JAPAN VRA ON STEEL

WAS ASSIGNED, AND THAT EC STEEL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES
DROPPED. HE DID NOT REPEAT DID NOT STATE THAT JAPANESE
STEEL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES INCREASED AS A RESULT
OF THE EC-JAPAN VRA ON STEEL.

4. BERGSTEN INDICATED THAT THE USG IS PURSUING TWO OBJECTIVES
IN THE OECD AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS: TO EXPRESS ITS
STRONG CONCERN OVER TRADE DISTORTING MEASURES UNDERTAKEN
BY OTHER COUNTRIES, AND TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
STEEL TRADE AND THE STRUCTURE OF STEEL INDUSTRIES IN MAJOR
PRODUCING COUNTRIES, E.G., THE EC AND JAPAN. HE NOTED THAT
ALLEGATIONS ARE MADE THAT THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE
JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY AND THE RELATION OF THE GOJ TO THE
INDUSTRY ENABLES JAPANESE STEEL COMPANIES TO BE LESS
CONSCIOUS OF PROFIT MARGINS THAN AMERICAN STEEL COMPANIES.

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